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MONTHLY BUSINESS INDICATORS VICTORIA, AUGUST 1989

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ACTUAL PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure (5646.0) (quarterly) (\$7.50)

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia (6302.0) (quarterly) (\$8.00)

Award Rates of Pay Indexes, Australia (6312.0) (monthly) (\$8.00)

Job Vacancies, Australia (6231.0) (quarterly) (\$3.00)

Overtime, Australia (6330.0) (quarterly) (\$3.00)

The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0) (monthly) (\$12.00)

PRICES

Consumer Price Index (6401.0) (quarterly) (\$8.00)

Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other Than House Building, Six State Capital Cities and Darwin (6407.0) (monthly) (\$8.00)

Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, Six State Capital Cities (6408.0) (monthly) (\$3.25)

BUILDING

Building Activity, Australia (8752.0) (quarterly) (\$11.50)

Building Approvals, Australia (8731.0) (monthly) (\$8.00)

RETAIL TRADE

Retail Trade, Australia (8501.0) (monthly) (\$8.00)

Information Paper: Introduction of Improved Monthly Retail Trade Statistics (8511.0)

PRODUCTION

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NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

Motor Vehicle Registrations, Australia (9303.0) (monthly) (\$8.00)

BANKS

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HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION

Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia (5609.0) (monthly) (\$7.50)

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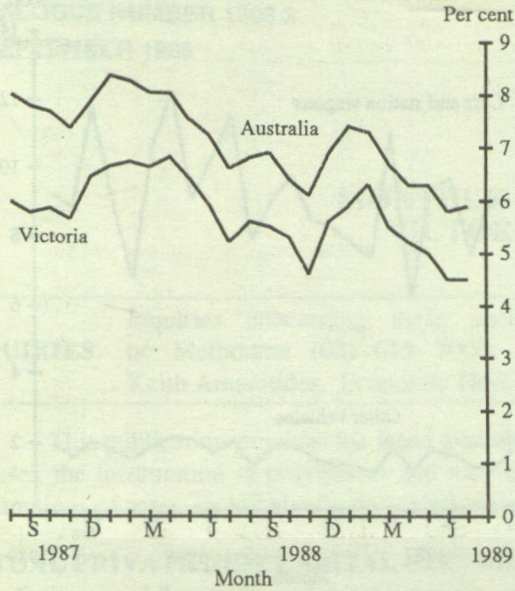
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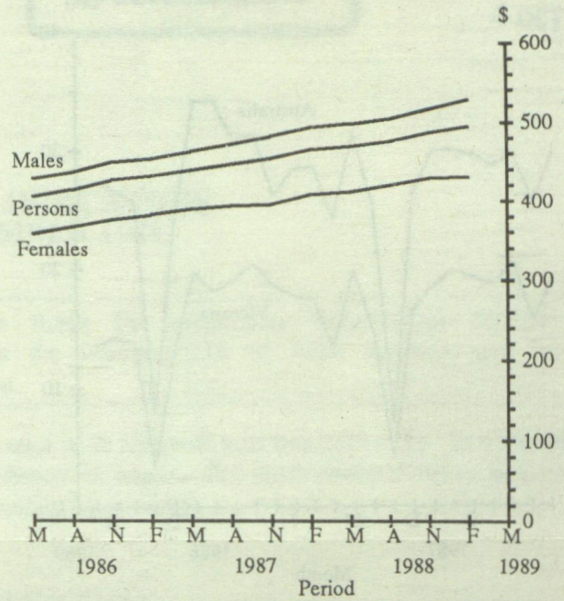
Indicator		Latest period	Latest figure	Figures for preceding three periods			Figure one year ago	Change over year per cent	Latest Aust. figure	Change over year Aust. per cent	
				One period	Two periods	Three periods					
LABOUR FORCE											
Employed persons	- full-time	'000	Jul 89	1,630.5	1,621.4	1,630.6	1,631.2	1,563.1	4.3	6,172.2	4.4
	- total	'000	Jul 89	2,055.0	2,051.0	2,054.6	2,038.5	1,948.6	5.5	7,751.8	5.4
Unemployed persons looking for work	- full-time	'000	Jul 89	68.2	69.8	77.1	76.6	87.4	-22.0	380.6	-11.9
	- total	'000	Jul 89	96.3	96.0	108.5	112.0	107.9	-10.8	483.4	-6.9
Labour force		'000	Jul 89	2,151.3	2,147.0	2,163.1	2,150.5	2,056.6	4.6	8,235.1	4.5
Participation rate		per cent	Jul 89	63.6	63.6	64.1	63.9	61.8	2.9	63.1	2.1
Unemployment rate		per cent	Jul 89	4.5	4.5	5.0	5.2	5.2	-13.5	5.9	-10.6
Job vacancies		'000	May qr 89	24.1	21.2	19.5	18.1	18.6	29.6	73.1	25.0
Overtime worked per employee		hours	May qr 89	1.57	1.52	1.56	1.45	1.54	1.9	1.46	5.8
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS											
Full-time adult ordinary time earnings -		\$	Feb qr 89	494.90	487.00	475.90	469.30	465.50	6.3	492.30	14.6
Males		\$	Feb qr 89	528.40	516.60	504.40	498.30	493.90	7.0	521.90	14.9
Females		\$	Feb qr 89	430.80	429.20	420.10	412.20	409.30	5.3	431.30	14.8
All employees total earnings		\$	Feb qr 89	435.10	429.60	417.00	414.90	414.40	5.0	436.30	14.4
Males		\$	Feb qr 89	512.20	503.30	486.30	483.50	476.30	7.5	511.60	15.1
Females		\$	Feb qr 89	336.50	333.40	324.60	322.70	326.70	3.0	334.80	15.1
CONSUMER PRICES (a)											
Consumer Price Index, Melbourne (1980-81=100) -											
Food		index	Jun qr 89	190.8	183.9	182.3	179.5	174.0	9.7	186.2	9.3
Clothing		index	Jun qr 89	181.1	177.3	177.5	171.2	170.3	6.3	180.8	6.3
Housing		index	Jun qr 89	218.9	207.3	204.5	193.7	189.1	15.8	208.1	15.1
Household equipment & operation		index	Jun qr 89	185.0	182.3	181.1	178.6	176.8	4.6	185.0	5.1
Transportation		index	Jun qr 89	189.0	184.5	181.3	181.1	180.8	4.5	198.2	5.3
Tobacco & alcohol		index	Jun qr 89	209.8	204.8	201.9	201.9	199.1	5.4	214.6	5.7
Health & personal care		index	Jun qr 89	205.0	203.7	192.6	192.6	190.8	7.4	192.1	7.2
Recreation & education (Mar qr 1982=100)		index	Jun qr 89	167.9	165.4	163.7	161.1	160.4	4.7	165.0	5.2
All groups		index	Jun qr 89	193.8	188.7	186.2	183.0	180.4	7.4	192.6	7.6
RETAIL SALES (excl. motor vehicles, etc)		\$m	May 89	1,680.3	1,606.4	1,687.8	1,495.8	1,575.1	6.7	6,517.7	10.7
PRODUCTION											
Manufacturing -											
Clay bricks		million	Apr 89	36.4	33.1	35.7	25.0	30.9	17.8	178	20.3
Ready mixed concrete		'000 cu.m	Apr 89	394	370	403	238	285	38.2	1,324	36.2
Plastics & synthetic resins (b)		tonnes	Apr 89	35,805	32,924	37,577	34,447	38,397	-6.8	55,901	-8.4
Textile floor coverings		'000 sq.m	Apr 89	2,886	3,004	3,040	1,573	2,595	11.2	3,626	20.6
Cars & station wagons		'000	Apr 89	13.5	14.2	13.6	3.2	13.2	2.3	27.3	13.8
Yarns - Cotton		tonnes	Apr 89	888	951	798	159	747	18.9	1,701	10.8
- Wool		tonnes	Apr 89	1,216	1,284	1,342	638	1,156	5.2	1,607	-3.1
Woven fabric - Cotton		'000 sq.m	Apr 89	1,694	1,421	1,355	332	1,194	0.0	2,994	-9.9
- Woollen(incl worsted wool)		'000 sq.m	Apr 89	420	514	484	324	492	-14.6	665	-13.9
- Man-made fibres		'000 sq.m	Apr 89	6,113	7,092	7,591	4,247	4,881	25.2	14,448	10.5
Electricity		million kWh	Apr 89	3,064	3,279	2,967	2,858	2,631	16.5	11,655	8.0
OVERSEAS TRADE											
Imports		\$m	Jun 89	1,415.1	1,562.7	1,343.6	1,310.0	1,143.5	23.8	4,200.8	26.4
Exports (excl. re-exports)		\$m	May 89	751.7	752.8	645.5	763.9	815.7	-7.8	3,846.2	14.1
BUILDING											
Approvals -											
New houses		No.	May 89	3,821	3,156	2,950	3,032	2,634	45.1	12,177	1.8
New other residential building		No.	May 89	295	200	220	92	347	-15.0	4,975	49.9
Value of all building		\$m	May 89	714.4	592.1	579.6	527.6	831.5	-14.1	3,024.2	18.0
Commencements -											
New houses		No.	Mar qr 89	8,200	9,190	8,310	7,330	6,720	22.0	30,540	20.4
Value of new houses		\$m	Mar qr 89	665.6	760.0	652.0	557.0	520.2	28.0	2,430.3	37.7
New other residential buildings		No.	Mar qr 89	767	782	1,263	1,034	1,298	-40.9	9,833	24.4
Value of new other residential buildings		\$m	Mar qr 89	45.6	41.7	69.5	54.4	73.1	-37.6	737.8	79.2
Value of non-residential building		\$m	Mar qr 89	1,035.7	961.2	709.2	1,053.8	593.8	74.4	3,813.2	32.6
Value of all building		\$m	Mar qr 89	1,885.6	1,889.4	1,545.1	1,773.4	1,291.9	46.0	7,403.3	37.8
Work done in period		\$m	Mar qr 89	1,739.7	1,808.0	1,618.9	1,464.7	1,321.8	31.6	6,520.5	27.1
PRICE INDEXES OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING, MELBOURNE, ALL GROUPS - (c)											
House building (1985-86=100)		index	May 89	130.2	129.6	128.7	126.8	119.2	9.2	130.7	10.0
Other than house building (1979-80=100)		index	May 89	219.1	217.2	215.5	213.1	200.4	9.3	222.0	8.4
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS											
Cars & station wagons		No.	May 89	11,197	10,474	13,877	10,850	11,739	-4.6	52,713	18.9
Other motor vehicles (excl. motor cycles)		No.	May 89	9,216	8,903	11,810	9,079	9,825	-6.2	40,205	13.2
Motor cycles		No.	May 89	1,981	1,571	2,067	1,771	1,914	3.5	12,508	41.9
				357	299	586	270	308	15.9	1,899	21.6
BANKS											
Savings - Depositors' balances at end of period		\$m	May 89	25,088	24,251	23,840	23,727	21,643	15.9	70,169	16.7
Major trading -											
Current deposits		\$m	May 89	6,243	6,217	6,440	6,629	5,658	10.3	19,648	4.6
Fixed deposits		\$m	May 89	11,435	11,308	10,393	9,665	7,279	57.1	39,903	41.3
Advances		\$m	May 89	16,313	15,941	15,326	14,933	14,745	10.6	54,861	15.7
Debits to customers' accounts (d)		\$m	May 89	36,821	35,428	31,778	34,378	36,420	1.1	196,205	12.7
HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION											
Secured commitments to individuals -											
Savings banks		\$m	May 89	632.1	473.8	536.5	509.4	582.7	8.5	2,062.6	-6.7
Trading banks		\$m	May 89	484.0	363.6	399.1	385.7	430.1	12.5	1,498.2	4.9
Permanent building societies		\$m	May 89	55.4	39.4	54.9	45.7	37.1	49.3	243.2	-0.1
Other lenders		\$m	May 89	41.7	38.1	43.0	47.6	80.2	-48.0	175.6	-59.6
				50.9	32.7	39.5	30.4	35.3	44.2	145.6	39.7
ACTUAL NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (e)											
Manufacturing		\$m	Mar qr 89	1,819	1,963	1,523	1,787	1,429	27.3	6,336	18.0
Finance		\$m	Mar qr 89	699	717	547	787	592	18.1	1,799	8.3
New building and structures		\$m	Mar qr 89	583	545	502	488	427	36.5	1,799	34.8
Other new capital equipment		\$m	Mar qr 89	564	620	518	556	405	39.3	2,269	24.1
		\$m	Mar qr 89	1,256	1,343	1,006	1,231	1,024	22.7	4,067	14.8

(a) The Australian figures for the CPI are the weighted average of eight capital cities figures. (b) For moulding, extrusion, laminating and calendering only. (c) The Australian figures for the Price indexes of Materials used in Building are the weighted average of six state capital cities figures. (d) All trading banks, and excluding debits to Commonwealth and State Government accounts at branches in the City of Melbourne. (e) By private enterprises.

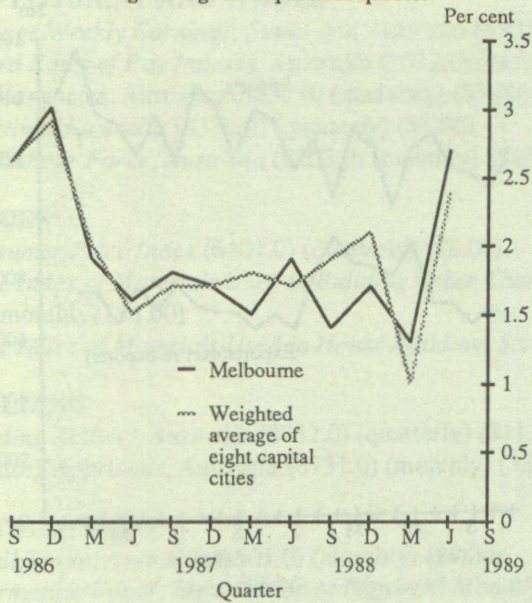
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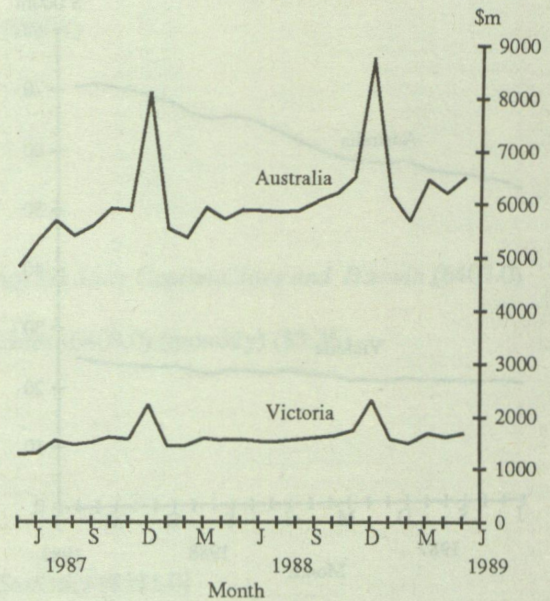
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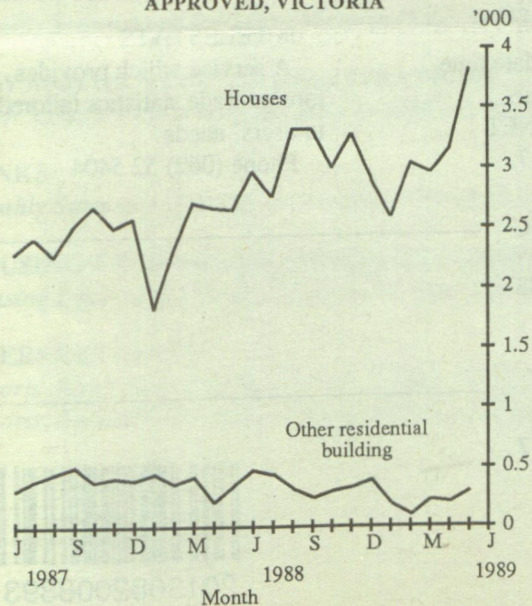
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: ALL GROUPS
Percentage change from previous quarter



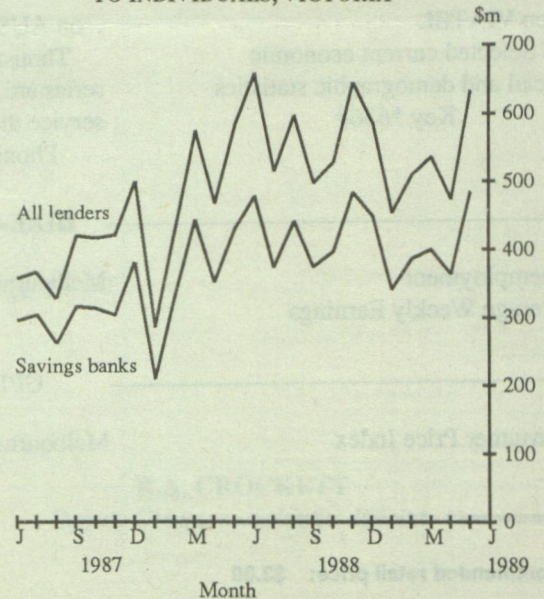
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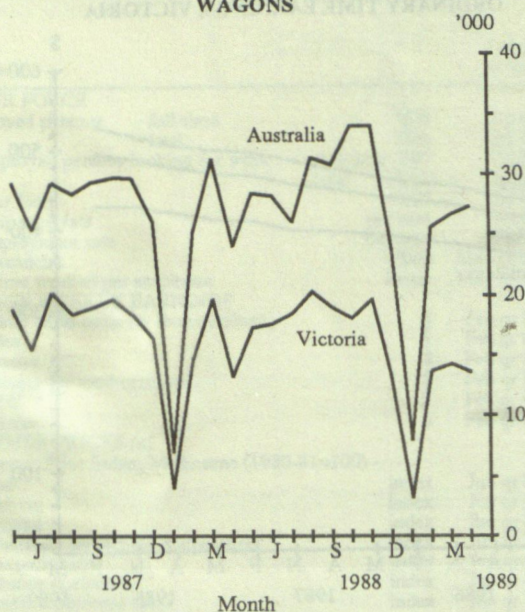
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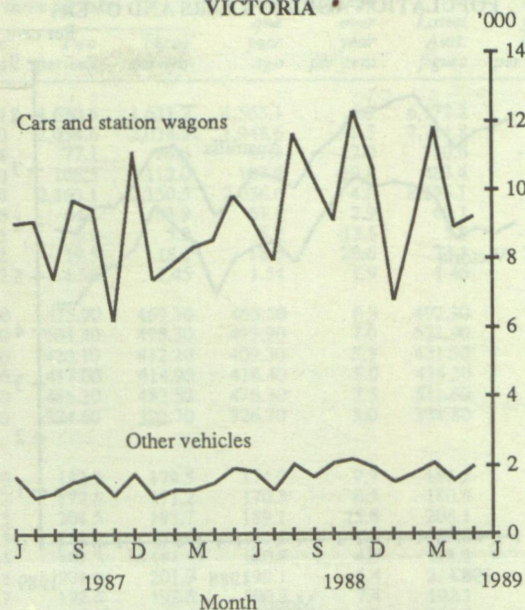
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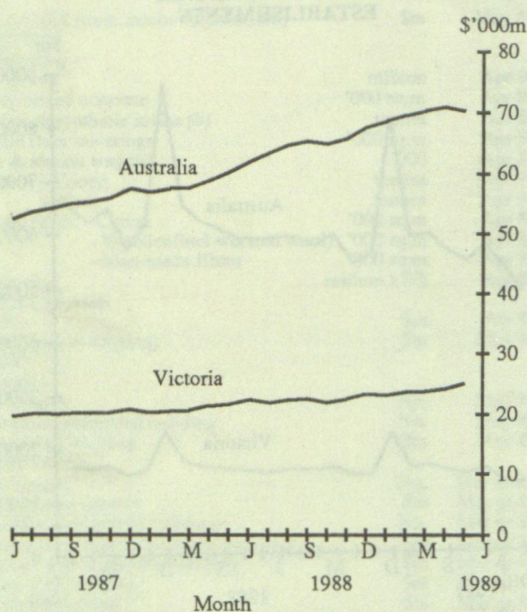
4 PRODUCTION OF CARS AND STATION WAGONS



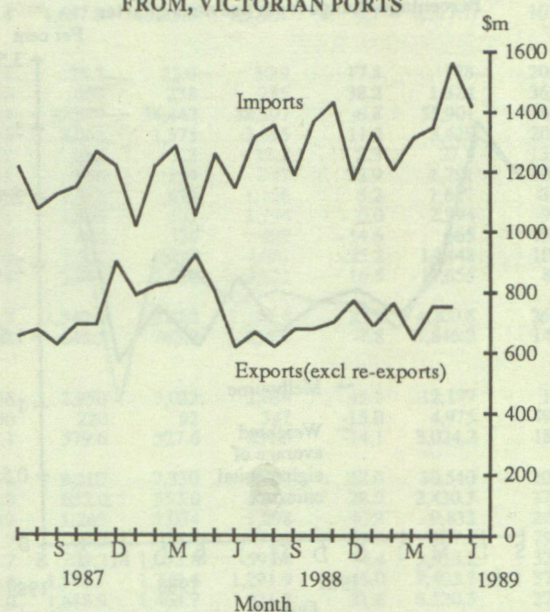
NEW MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED, VICTORIA *



SAVINGS BANKS: DEPOSITORS' BALANCES



VALUE OF IMPORTS INTO, AND EXPORTS FROM, VICTORIAN PORTS



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